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SUBJECT: U.S.-PRC POSTAL SERVICE

REF: A) STATE 116611; B)A-557, JUNE 25, 1973

1. USLO IS NOT AT ALL SURE THAT PRC POSTAL AUTHORITIES' LETTER OF JUNE 2 WHICH AGREES THAT "ACCOUNTS BE SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE" CAN BE TREATED AS APPROVING USPS'S OFFER TO SETTLE PAST DEBT ISSUE. RATHER, PRC'S STEADFAST REFUSAL TO ADDRESS DEBT ISSUE SUGGESTS TO US EITHER THAT A) OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN CORRESPONDENCE DO NOT FEEL COMPETENT TO PROVIDE REPLY, OR B) PRC IGNORING PAST DEBT ISSUE WHILE PROCEEDING WITH CURRENT AGREEMENT ON PARCEL POST SERVICE.

2. THUS FAR A SUITABLE OCCASION HAS NOT ARISEN TO ATTEMPT HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN REF. B. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH AN OBLIQUE APPROACH MAY NOT IN FACT CLARIFY QUESTION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT IF OUR ASSUMPTIONS IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH ARE CORRECT. WE SEE FEW DISADVANTAGES IN CONFRONTING ISSUE SQUARELY AND RAISING QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH MFA, PREFERABLY AT LEVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF LIN PING, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT.

THIS WOULD START REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION THROUGH APPROPRIATE POLICY CHANNELS AND WOULD ELIMINATE POSSIBLE FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING ON QUESTION OF PREVIOUS DEBTS WHICH COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING FOR BOTH SIDES.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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